

TO: Biomass Research and Development Board Members  
SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes  
TIME: 10:00 am – 12:00 pm, Thursday, May 15th  
LOCATION: DOE, Forestall Building, 5E-069

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### **Welcome/Initial Business**

- Minutes from the February 19, 2014 Board meeting were approved as read.

### **Interagency Working Group Update**

- **Alison Goss Eng, Co-chair, Feedstocks Logistics**, presented on the new white paper, *Biomass Feedstocks Logistics Research RDD&D Programs in the Federal Government—Review and Recommendations for Coordination and Collaboration*. An edit in language was suggested before final publication. Pending change, the Board was given a two week comment and approval period to review the final document.
- The Logistics white paper was approved to be finalized and posted to the Board website.

### **Biomass Research and Development Initiative**

- **Daniel Cassidy, USDA, and Mark Elless, DOE**, provided an update on initial plans for the Biomass R&D Initiative for FY2014 and FY2015.

### **Technical Advisory Committee Update**

- **Elliott Levine, Designated Federal Officer, DOE**, provided a brief update on the recent activities of the Technical Advisory Committee. Mr. Levine discussed the nomination process and requested the Board provide any suggestions for qualified nominees.

### **Bioeconomy Vision Update**

- **Co-chairs Dr. David Danielson, DOE, and Dr. Cathie Woteki, USDA**, led a discussion on the Board initiative on the expansion of the U.S. bioeconomy. Further details and logistics on public engagement will be managed by the Operations Committee members.

### **Agency Updates**

- **Co-chair Dr. David Danielson, DOE**, led a discussion from current Board and Operations Committee Members.

## **Meeting Attendees**

### **Biomass Research and Development Board Attending Members**

- David Danielson, Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, DOE, Co-chair
- Cathie Woteki, Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics, USDA, Acting Co-chair
- Doug O'Brien, Acting Under Secretary for Rural Development, USDA

### **Representatives Attending for Members**

- Shawn Johnson, Grants Manager, DOT
- Donna Perla, Senior Advisor, EPA
- Robert Boyd, Associate Director, DOD
- Bruce Rodan, Senior Policy Analyst, Office of Science and Technology Policy

### **Board Operations Committee Members**

- George Antos, Program Director, NSF
- Jonathan Male, Director, DOE
- Todd Campbell, Senior Energy Advisor, RD-USDA
- Joseph Graber, Program Manager, DOE
- Alicia Lindauer, Board and Operations Committee Liaison, Bioenergy Technologies Office

### **Additional Attendees**

#### **DOE**

- Reuben Sarkar, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy
- Alison Goss Eng, Acting Program Manager, Bioenergy Technologies Office
- Zia Haq, DPA Coordinator and Chief Analyst, Bioenergy Technologies Office
- Daniel Fishman, Bioenergy Technologies Office
- Elliott Levine, Bioenergy Technologies Office
- Ashley Rose, support to Bioenergy Technologies Office
- Bryce Stokes, support to Bioenergy Technologies Office

#### **USDA**

- Daniel Cassidy, National Institute of Food and Agriculture
- Harry Schomberg, Office of Research, Education, and Economics
- Harry Baumes, Office of Energy Policy and New Uses
- Marilyn Buford, Forest Service

#### **EPA**

- Mark Segal, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics